



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, sentenced Marshall L. Murphey to seven years and three months in prison for conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. Over the course of approximately three years, Murphey distributed methamphetamine with several other individuals in the Lincoln area. Following completion of his prison term, Marshall was also ordered to serve four years on supervised release. Lack of a prior criminal record, in conjunction with several other factors, allowed Judge Kopf to sentence Murphey to less than the statutory mandatory minimum ten year term of imprisonment.

Name of Defendant: Marshall L. Murphey

AKA:

Age: 37

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine
ten years to life in prison and up to \$4,000,000 fine, at least five years supervised release

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 500 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 1, 2005 through April 30, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: July 17, 2998

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: July 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: July 18, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled February 2, 2009

Sentencing Date: April 22, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on conditions

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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